

Morning Telegram.

GRAND RAPIDS, JUNE 13, 1885.

MINOR MICHIGAN MATTERS.
Port Gratiot is trying hard for water works.
Bay City hopes to have the Gladwin railroad.

There will be no Grand Army re-union at Jackson this year.

Plymouth expects to have some big news coming on July 4.

West Bay City is to have a bridge of fuses at least on the Fourth.

It is doubtful if Michigan celebrates Independence Day this year.

Sarnia will celebrate the Fourth \$150 worth, if that amount can be raised.

Theodore Thomas will probably give a concert at Jackson June 22.

Yellow and black will be the color of the electric light poles at Port Huron.

John B. Smith, aged 70, died at his home at Grand Rapids on Thursday morning.

Millions of "war locusts" have been seen in northern Indiana near the State line.

Port Huron was to be litigated by electricity on Thursday night for the first time.

The Slave Company of Marine City shipped 1,000 barrels of salt one day recently.

Allegan Common Council has been expected to inspect the water works system of Muskegon.

The disastrous out-work is a fruitful theme with the country correspondents of the state papers.

Mrs. Elizabeth Carney, who has resided in Bay City for twenty-eight years died on Wednesday.

"The Mortor," the best hotel in Western Michigan, is being vastly improved.

The Indian Chief Petoskey died at the village of Petoskey last Friday afternoon at the age of 135.

A seven-year-old boy was drowned at Mendon Thursday. He was bathing. The body was recovered.

The Michigan berry crop this year is expected to be immense—in some sections larger than ever before.

The Port Huron Fishing and Shooting Club talk of constructing a fish pond in the township of Port Gratiot.

The Michigan State Holiness Association will hold a ten-days tent meeting at Plymouth, beginning June 14.

The high schools of Charlotte and Hastings graduate the same number of pupils this year, an even dozen.

The Grand Ledge wool market has opened at 22 to 25 cents for washed wool, and with two buyers in the field.

The Muskegon Booming Company has raised so far this season \$75,000, and the Tittabawassee Company \$11,618 logs.

The antique Chinese collection at the New Orleans Exposition has been presented to the University of Michigan.

The shipments at Muskegon on Wednesday were 1,405,000 feet of lumber, 110 cords of wood and 80 cords slate.

Portland has a Mechanics Protective Union which advertises for sale the news and accounts of delinquents and deadbeats.

Elzander B. Gilkey, of West Bay City, died on Wednesday after several months' illness. He leaves a widow and seven sons.

Mrs. Nutting, who lived in Barry county, four miles from Nashville, committed suicide on Monday morning by taking arsenic.

From fifty to one hundred persons are expected at Portland in attendance at the state convention of the T. M. C. A., on June 30, and July 1 and 2.

One hundred and thirty-four young people were confirmed by Bishop Borges at the Holy Cross Catholic Church at Marine City last week.

The St. Louis fire department consists of ninety active members, three hose companies with 2,000 feet of hose, and one hook and ladder company.

Gen. T. J. Thorpe, of Cadillac, "the only man who ever made a Fourth of July speech in Libby Prison," will be the orator on the Fourth at Petoskey.

A warehouse belonging to J. W. French at Three Rivers burned Thursday night. Two Michigan Central box cars were also damaged. Loss \$1,000; no insurance.

At Constantine prices are not satisfactory to wool growers, and the sales consequently have not been at all lively. A dozen small clips have been sold at 20 to 24 cents.

Levi P. Gregg, a resident of Jackson for the last five years, and a prominent business man and Knight Templar, died in that city Thursday evening of paralysis, aged 73.

Jackson is very proud of the new park, known as the Keweenaw Garden. W. S. Chandler has leased the property and has spent \$4,000 in fitting it up with summer houses, wagons, a fine house, etc. It was opened to the public on Thursday night.

Benton also anxious to have the T. A. A. & N. M. R. run by way of their town that a delegation of 30 prominent men from that place went to St. Louis on Wednesday to urge this important matter upon Jas. M. Ashurst, Jr.

Capt. Wm. Cole, harbor master at East Saginaw, manufactured 30 years ago, the tool for the first oars that ever floated west of Albany, N. Y. The duck used come from St. Petersburg.

Miss Agnes Huntington, formerly of Kalorama, has been engaged by the Boston Ideal Spee company the coming summer, taking the place of the popular contralto, Miss Matilda Phillips.

Mrs. Nell Russell, of Hart, is doing a great deal towards building the new church. She has supervised the getting of stone on the ground, raised funds, and subscriptions of lumber, etc., and given most of the time of two hours, besides her own time and labor.

The farmers are having a hard time this season. Now it is the Hessian fly which is doing great damage to growing wheat in Richland, Kalamazoo, and Calmar counties. One-quarter of the stalks appear to be damaged so badly that the berry will not mature. The loss will be 40,000 bushels.

On Thursday Thomas Platt and his son, aged 16, at work in a field in Cooper township, Kalamazoo county, discovered a large containing a pair of sulphur plates of Fairchild's. They were immediately sent to Plattsburgh and prompt remedies were applied. It is supposed it was an attempt to poison them.

The quarterly meeting of the Grand Rapids Baptist Association will meet with the Rockford Baptist Church on Thursday and Wednesday, June 13 and 14. There will be preaching, Sunday school and mission talks, and Rev. Mr. Wright, pastor-elect of the Rockford church, will be ordained.

AURATOTISM.

Another Name for the Art of Piercing Ladies' Ears.

How the Ladies of the Ear Are Prepared for Carrying Rings—The Steps Necessary to Be Taken to Do the Job Scientifically and Satisfaction-

fully.

On Fourth avenue, near Tenth street, a regular Piercer had his alterations drawn a sign, the literal meaning of which he was wholly ignorant, notwithstanding his pretensions of being master of the English language. The sign was as follows: "G. A. Sandham, or St. Nicholas." It read: "A. Sandham, or St. Nicholas."

On the principle of never letting the world know you are ignorant, the business only entered, it was a jewelry store, which badge matters all the more pertaining just as matters were reaching a climax, an elegantly-dressed young lady, accompanied by a like-looking matron, dowager, entered.

The dapper little man behind the counter opened the conversation by unceremoniously asking:

"Well, Miss, how is your ear?"
Not at all well, I am sorry I had it pierced at all. I have scarcely slept a wink since I suffered the operation. As there is no use in having one ear pierced I have come to have them both alike. I hope you will exhibit more skill this time than you did last."

Without making any reply, the dapper little man walked leisurely to the farther end of the store, and returned with what looked like a brand-new sheath or knitting-needle, with a stout piece of cord at the end of it. The young lady was placed in a chair, and the operation of piercing the lady's second ear was over in an instant. At the touch of the sharp instrument as it went through the lobe of her ear she screamed as though an attempt was being made on her life. When she looked in a mirror and saw that there was the least drop of blood on her ear the screaming was repeated until a crowd began to gather in the outside. Both women lets the store in apparent high indignation. Noticing that there was no payment made for the services rendered, the writer asked if the jeweler was in the habit of piercing women's ears for nothing. He replied in the negative, and added that the charge ranged from twenty-five to fifty and seventy-five cents.

"The two ladies will be back again, probably in a week or so, and settle up. I am used to such pranks, and have to stand any amount of abuse and badinage. Did you notice how that young woman's ears are? They cling close to the head that the minors had made for her on the monitor, they would all cry: 'The cat! the cat!' and start on a run for the shanty. And it was at just such a moment that I came to the mind and encountered this most conscientious cat leading her friends to safety."

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"Is there much business in ear-piercing?" was asked.

"I make a good deal of money by it. You see there are not many ear-piercers in the city. I moved here to be near that large dry-goods store over the way, and have within the past two years built up a good practice."

"Do all girls have their ears pierced by artists?"

"Not by any means. People who can afford it prefer artists, but the poor or possibly resolve themselves into artists. There are a great many mothers who pierce the ears of their children at home just as successfully as I could. On the other hand, many pretty girls and women can be seen on Broadway whose ears have been absolutely destroyed by the manner in which they have been pierced, the perforation being made either too high or too low down. To make ear-rings hang gracefully the ears should be pierced in the lobes. I have had several Vassar girls come here and have their ears pierced for the second time. I learned from them that each pierced the other's ears with a common needle. This does not matter much. The principal care to be observed is as to what you place in the ears so as to keep the hole from closing. If, for instance, a heavy set of ear-rings are put in, such as are worn at present, it is almost morally certain that the hole will be dragged down, which gives the ear an awkward and ugly shape, as well as swelling the lobes, sometimes to an alarming size."

"In my time I have pierced the ears of many leading actresses for the second time, owing to the ugly shape the first piercing gave them. After gold, a coarse needle is the best to run through the hole in the ear until the stage at which they have been pierced has passed. A good deal depends on the formation of the lobes of the ear. Should it be hard and grisly, it is, of course, hard to be pierced, and the operation causes the greatest pain. That was what caused the lady who just left to cry out so. Now, no matter what she does, inflammation must set in, and she will suffer a good deal. It is better to have the ears pierced when young, say between five and six and fourteen years; the grisly part of the lobes has not sufficiently formed to be difficult of perforation. Sometimes, though, children injure their ears by scratching them during the first week, which, of course, prolongs the stage of inflammation. Still, they do not think much of it, and the promise of a pair of diamond ear-rings serves as a something. There is a most barbarous system in vogue among people. It is that of placing a piece of horse hair in the hole. Such a practice is always followed by excruciating pain and suffering, for inflammation must follow, and there are hundreds of cases on record showing that the lobes of the ears have been entirely destroyed by such a practice. The most difficult customers I have are, as a general rule, married women. The moment they lay eyes on this needle in my hand, there goes into hysterics, and seem to think there are in danger of losing their lives. In many instances I have been compelled to accompany women of such temperament to a dentist, where a sedative is administered. My books show that I have pierced the ears of thousands of members of distinguished families. I take their names and addresses, as it may be necessary to call upon them. Besides, I use them as references, which always brings me a good trade. For all you have to do is to show that you pierced the ears of the daughter or child of Mrs. —, of Fifth or Madison Avenue, or some other aristocratic family, and your name becomes famous. There are only four universities altogether in New York, and each of these has a very business."

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